



**SCOTT MEACHAM
OKLAHOMA STATE TREASURER**

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**More Than \$61,000 in Unclaimed Property
Found During First Weekend of State Fair**

OKLAHOMA CITY – More than \$61,000 in unclaimed property has been found during the first four days of the State Fair in Oklahoma City. State Treasurer Scott Meacham’s staff is manning a booth in the Oklahoma Expo Hall to search for unclaimed property for fair patrons.

Using laptop computers, the workers check to see if fair attendees have unclaimed property. As administrator of Oklahoma’s unclaimed property program, Treasurer Meacham has more than \$175 million for more than 350,000 people.

This is the sixth consecutive year the office has operated the “Pot of Gold” booth at the State Fair in Oklahoma City.

“We are holding millions of dollars in unclaimed property waiting for it to be claimed by its rightful owners. I encourage all fair attendees to stop by our booth to see if we are holding any of their money,” Meacham said. “More than 2,500 fair patrons have found almost a million and a half dollars over the last five years. This weekend, we found more than \$14,000 for one person and we still have a lot more to give back.”

Examples of unclaimed property include bank accounts, security deposits, uncashed paychecks, overpayments, royalties, rebates, stock and bonds. The contents of abandoned safe deposit boxes are also included.

The cash and property are turned over to the State Treasurer’s office when the businesses holding them lose track of the owners. Treasurer Meacham’s Unclaimed Property Division then publishes the names and conducts other outreach, such as the booth at the state fair, to help find the owners.

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